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**COMMENTS**

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/461,846, filed December 15, 1999

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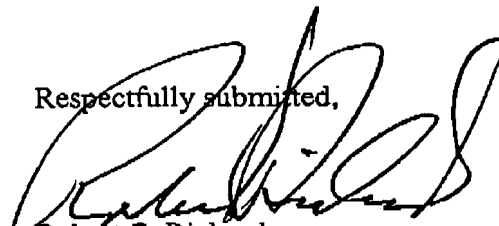
Petition to Withdrawal Application from Issue under 37 C.F.R. 1.313 (c)(2)  
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The reason for the present Petition is the need for the Examiner's consideration of references that applicant has submitted herewith in a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

A Request for Continued Examination and a submission including the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 1.98 is filed concurrently with this petition.

In view of the foregoing, applicant requests that this Petition be granted, and that the references and applications be considered by the Examiner in the Continued Examination of this application. If the Petition is granted, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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